

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST





# *The National Homegoing Celebration*

*for*

**Bishop Larry Juan Magathen**  
*Prelate, California Evangel Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction  
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.*

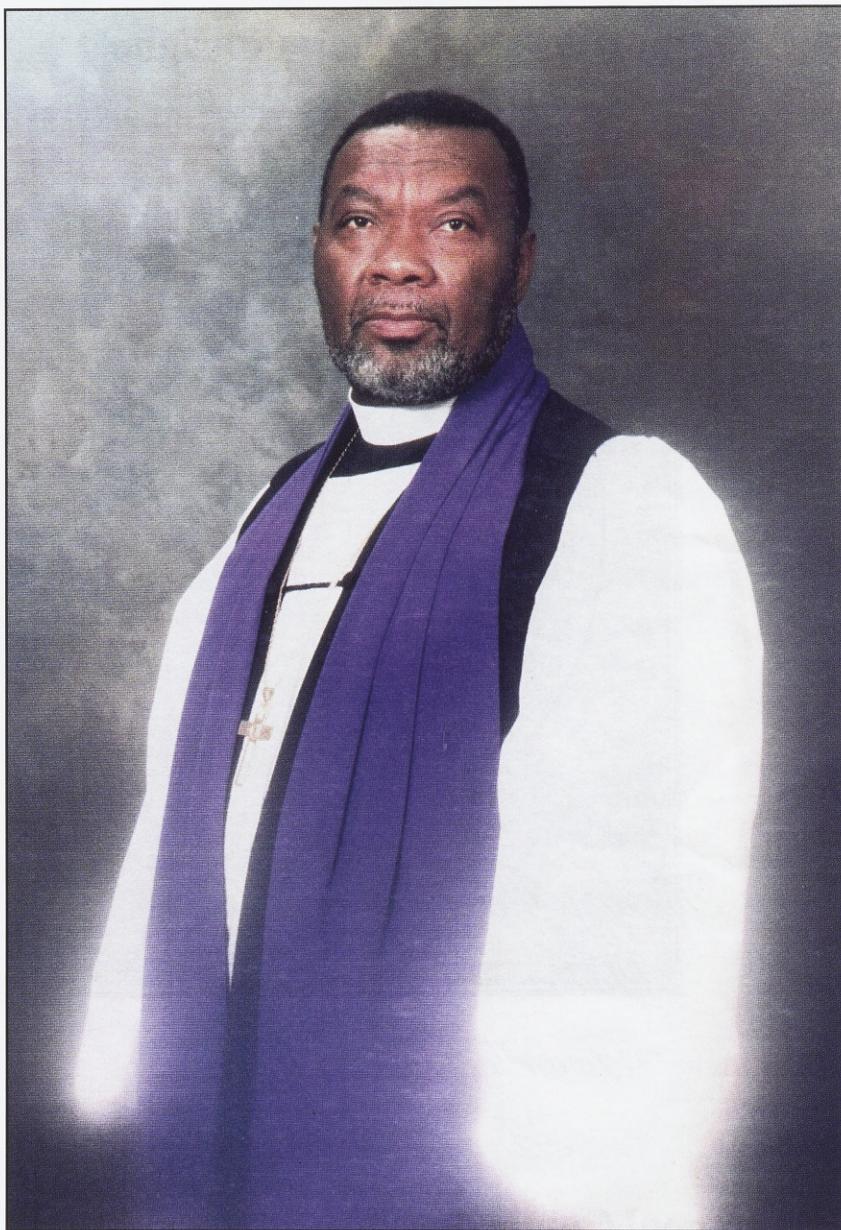


*Tuesday, the Third day of April  
Twelve O'Clock Noon  
Two Thousand Twelve  
Anno Domini*

**Ephesian Church Of God In Christ**  
1709 Alcatraz Avenue  
Berkeley, California 94703

**The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.**  
*Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle  
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.*

*“Servant of God Well Done”*



**Bishop Larry Juan Magathen**

**March 8, 1930**

**March 25, 2012**

## *Obituary*

### **Bishop Larry Juan Magathen**

*Bishop Larry Juan Magathen was born in Harrisville, Mississippi on March 8, 1930, the eldest son of the late John and Aletha Magathen.*

*Bishop Magathen's early education began at the Center Ridge School and New Hymn High School in Panola, Mississippi. Bishop excelled in academics serving as president of the "Literary Club" and receiving his diploma in 1948.*

*After high school he entered the United States Navy, serving four years of active duty. While in the Navy he received numerous Commendations and Medals of Honor, before an honorable discharge.*

*Upon completion of military service Bishop Magathen continued his education receiving an Associates of Arts degree in business administration from Merritt College in Oakland, California and a Doctorate of Divinity from Antioch Christian University in Denver, Colorado.*

*In 1952, Bishop began a career with the Federal Government at the Naval Supply Center. He served in several capacities of increasing responsibilities retiring after 36 years of dedicated service as a production controller supervisor.*

*Bishop Magathen accepted the Lord as his Savior in 1960 becoming a member of the Ephesian Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop E. E. Cleveland.*

*He served faithfully under Bishop Cleveland as Youth Pastor, State Evangelist President, Superintendent of the New Creation District and Administrative Assistant to the Bishop.*

*In 1970, Bishop Magathen founded the "Bible's Way Deliverance Inter-faith Church" presently known as "The Bible's Way Deliverance Church of God in Christ." Through this ministry many*

*people received salvation, healing, financial blessings and life enhancing experiences. His outreach ministries included opening a rehabilitation center for substance abuse in 1989, implementing a feeding program for the homeless and nightly hosting a radio ministry on station KEST.*

*In 1993 he was consecrated to the Sacred Office of Bishop and installed as Prelate of California Evangel Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.*

*Ever vigilant in the work of the Lord, in 2006 Bishop founded the “Pentecostal Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ” in Stockton California. Bishop Magathen is recognized as one of the most resourceful and influential ministers of the gospel.*

*Bishop Magathen was a very loving and devoted husband to Lady Virginia C. Magathen, and a proud father to his five children and grandchildren.*

## *Order of Service*

(note: (\*) where indicated please stand)

QUIET MOMENTS ..... The Organist

### \*PROCESSIONAL

The Adjutant General

The Presiding Bishop

The General Board

The Chairman of the General Assembly

The General Secretary

The Chairman of the Board of Bishops

The Board of Bishops

The Visiting Bishops

The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders

The Visiting Clergy

The Magathen Family

THE SEALING OF THE BIER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ..... The Bishop

\*THE HYMN OF COMFORT ..... The Choir and Congregation  
“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” (page 7-8)

THE INVOCATION ..... The Bishop

\*THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:28-31 (page 9) ..... The Bishop

THE CHORAL RESPONSE ..... The Choir  
“And in Jesus, I’m Safe Evermore”

\*THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 15:51-58 (page 10) ..... The Bishop

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (page 11) ..... The Bishop

THE SELECTION ..... The Choir

THE NATIONAL TRIBUTES:

The Women's Department ..... Mother Willie Mae Rivers  
General Supervisor of Women's Department

The General Council of Pastors and Elders ..... The Reverend Isaiah Clifton Grover  
Chairman

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Chairman

The General Assembly ..... The Reverend James William Hunt, Sr.  
Chairman

The General Church ..... The Right Reverend Joel Harley Lyles, Jr.  
General Secretary

THE SELECTION ..... The Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP ..... The Bishop

\*THE SERMONIC HYMN ..... The Choir and Congregation  
"Amazing Grace" (page 12)

THE EULOGY ..... His Eminence, The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.  
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\*THE RECESSIONAL

# We'll Understand It Better By and By

*I will pray with the understanding . . . also, I will sing with the understanding . . .*

1 Corinthians 14:15

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1 We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time, Som - ber  
2 We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de-mands, Want of  
3 Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un-der-stand, All the  
4 Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a-wares, And our



1 skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc - ceed a bright sun-shine, In that  
2 food and want of shel - ter-thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands, We are  
3 ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed Prom - ised Land; But He  
4 hearts are made to bleed for many a thought-less word or deed, And we



1 land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way, We will  
2 trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word, We will  
3 guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die. For we'll  
4 won - der why the test when we try to do our best. But we'll



*Refrain: how we've o - ver - come; For we'll*

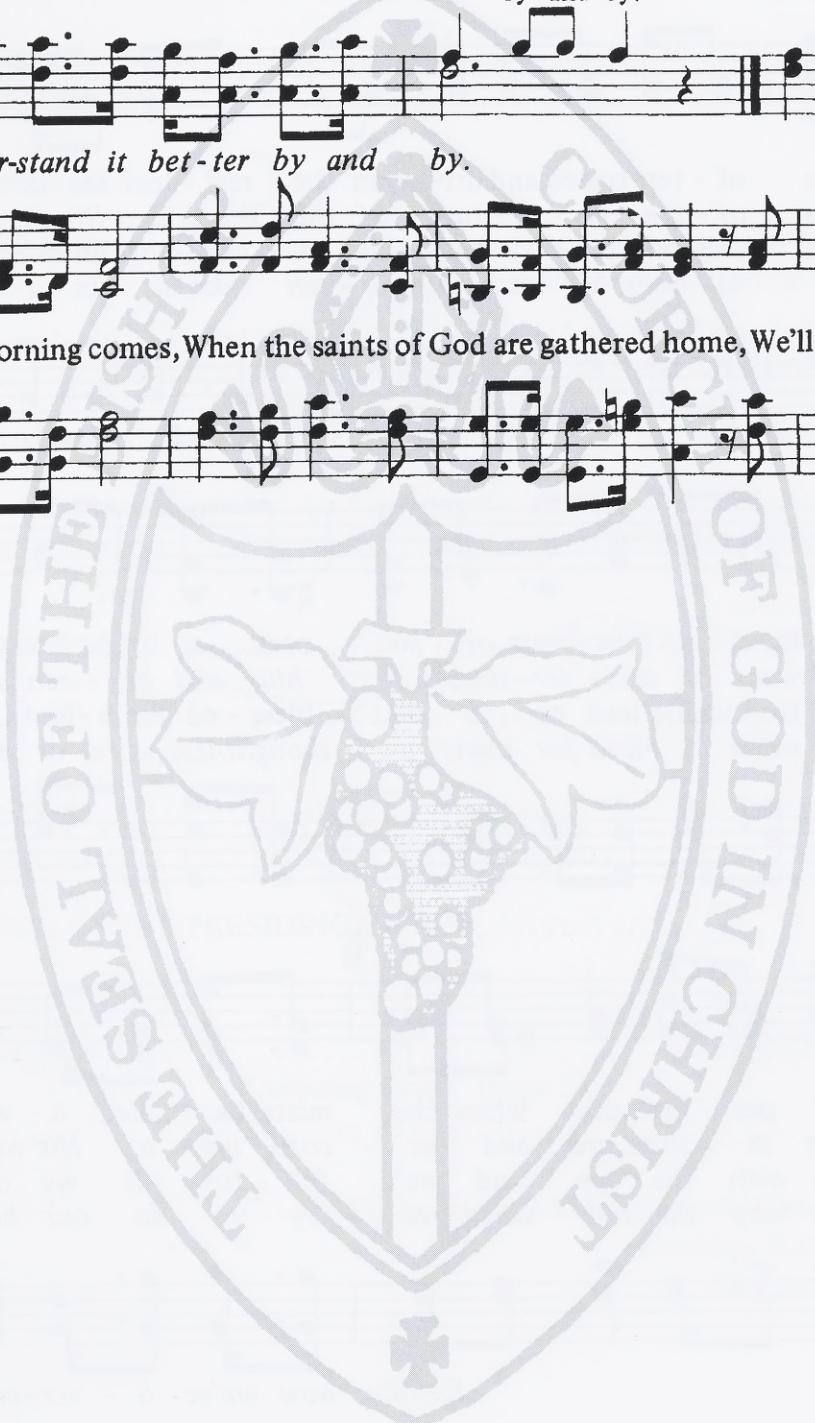
*Fine*

un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by. By and by  
by and by.

un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.

when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home, We'll tell the sto - ry

D.S.



## *Isaiah 40:28-31*

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God,  
the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not,  
neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint;  
and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary,  
and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

## *I Corinthians 15:51-58*

**Behold, I shew you a mystery;**

**We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:  
for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.**

**For this corruptible must put on incorruption,  
and this mortal must put on immortality.**

**So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption,  
and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to  
pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**

**The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.**

**But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable,  
always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know  
that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

# *The Affirmation Of Faith*

(+Where Indicated, Please Stand)

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in the Bible.*

+The Congregation: We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written word of God.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in God.*

+The Congregation: We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in the Blessed Hope.*

+The Congregation: We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in Repentance and Salvation.*

+The Congregation: We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ.*

+The Congregation: We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in the Holy Ghost.*

+The Congregation: We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

+The Leader: *We affirm our faith in Sanctification.*

+The Congregation: We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.  
**Amen.**

# Amazing Grace

For by grace are ye saved through faith...  
Ephesians 2:8

John Newton  
John P. Rees, stanza 5

American Melody  
Carrell and Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*  
Harmonized by Edwin O. Excell

Musical notation for the first stanza of Amazing Grace, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature.

1 A - maz-ing grace! How sweet the sound-That saved a wretch like me!  
2 Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved;  
3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word my hope se-cures;  
4 Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al-read-y come;  
5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin-ing as the sun,

Musical notation for the second stanza of Amazing Grace, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature.

1 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
2 How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear The hour I first be-lieved!  
3 He will my shield and por-tion be As long as life en-dures.  
4 Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
5 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be-gun.

Musical notation for the third stanza of Amazing Grace, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature.

## *Ministry of Comfort Entrusted to:*

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## *Interment*

*Rolling Hills Memorial Park*

*4100 Hilltop Drive*

*Richmond, California*

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

*The Board of Bishops  
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## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of the late Bishop Larry Juan Magathen wishes to acknowledge,  
with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and  
other expressions of kindness and concerns evidenced in thought and deed.*

## *Active Pallbearers*

*Superintendents, Pastors and Elders  
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